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Remarks

It is observed that the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 as directed to non-statutory subject-matter and claims 1 and 10 as being unpatentable over Limberg.

However, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-9 and 11-16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 3.

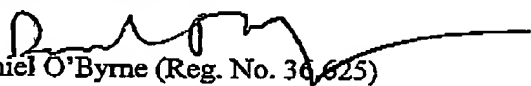
Dependent claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

In the same way, the applicant has amended claim 10 to include all of the limitations of claim 11. Claim 11 has been canceled.

In view of the above amendment, the applicant respectfully requests the grant of the patent application.

Although it is believed that the application is in an allowable condition, the applicant is ready to improve the wording of the claims if the Examiner has suggestions to that regard.

Respectfully submitted,


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